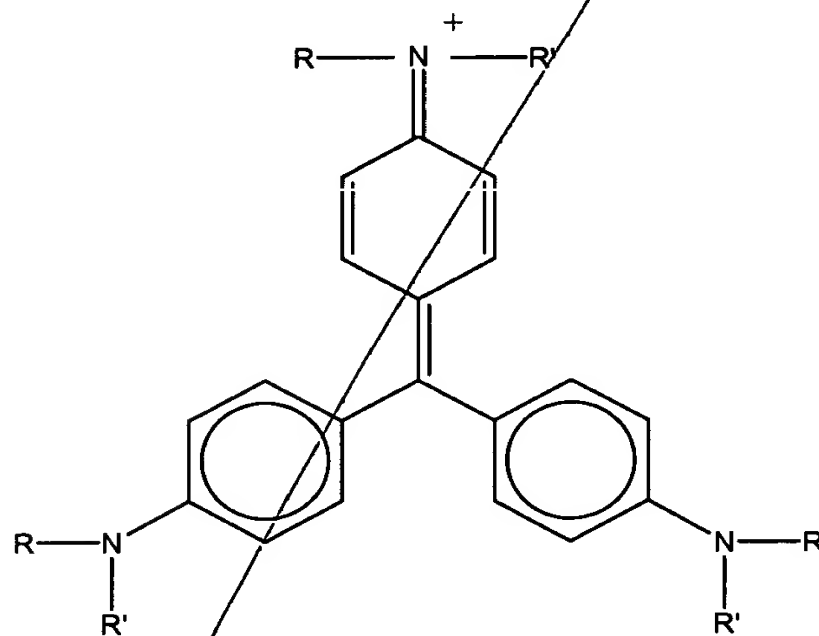


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(a) contacting the mixture of cancerous and non-cancerous cells with an effective amount of a compound having the structure:



wherein each R and R' is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and methyl groups, and further wherein the compound exhibits preferential uptake by the cancerous cells compared with the non-cancerous cells, and still further wherein the cancerous cells are sensitive to the phototoxic effects of the compound; and

(b) exposing the mixture of cancerous and non-cancerous cells from (a) to light of a suitable wavelength to photoactivate the compound for up to 90 minutes, wherein the compound exhibits selective phototoxicity toward the cancerous cells over the non-cancerous cells.

REMARKS

Claims 6-14 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 12 has been canceled. Claim 6 has been amended to more clearly point out the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. The amendment to claim 6 contains no new matter and is otherwise proper.

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to the application in the Office Action is respectfully requested.